

WRITING ASSESSMENT

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Exit tests are used to prove how efficient a student has been taught throughout his or her high school career. I agree with making high-stake exams, such as the Gateway, a requirement for graduation due to a number of reasons. First, they help evaluate if a student has learned anything at all while in high school. Second, for those who are not attending college, the passing of an exam of this caliber could be resourceful to an employer. Last, it is a good preparatory exam for college.

For a teacher, it is awesome to know that his or her students are getting something out of the class. If exit exams were required, the teacher would finally know who has been paying attention and who has been slacking. This is an advantage to the teacher because he or she would know if they were doing their job with excellence or mediocrity.

Second, Not everyone plans to attend college. For those students who do not plan to attend college, the sheet that shows his or her scores of an exit exam could be shown to an employer and increase probability of obtaining a job. If an employer could see that someone graduated high school, but also did well on the exit exam, then the chances of getting employed out of

high school could go up. This is an advantage for a graduating student because it could affect where they work and how much money he or she could make in a short period of time.

Lastly, If a required exit exam was instituted, the student would be more prepared for college than if ~~not~~ the student were not required. This exam would be taken as a senior, and it would cover every subject taken in high school. What better review is there? It would give students confidence that they are prepared and ready to take college head on. For this reason, it is an unfathomably serious advantage.

There has been debate lately over required exit exams, but there is nothing relevant to debate. The exams should be required because they prove the student has earned his or her degree. Also, it shows employers that high school graduates are capable of doing hard work for decent pay, and it prepares students and gives them confidence for the college path ahead. This subject is important because it affects the performance of all students, and gives them something to work for and achieve.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer's position that exit tests should be required is strongly stated. The key ideas are clearly illustrated. Outstanding syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are evident throughout (an exam of this caliber, good preparatory exam for life, and doing their job with excellence or mediocrity). In addition, the response is complete, unified, and well organized.